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—Calvin M.



Celeb twin

Do you look like a celebrity? Show us! Send us your picture along with the celeb who shares your style to **dlhernandez@tribune.com**. For Friday, we have Ryan Incrocci. Think he's a ringer for Nicolas Cage? Text **"twin"** and the number of your answer to **87708**. You'll get the poll results instantly.

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To play

From bingo to Wii, enjoy an intergenerational bash at Rockit Bar and Grill (22 W. Hubbard St.) from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday. The cost of \$35 includes snacks and drinks and benefits Little Brothers-Friends of the Elderly.

To read

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Employees and customers on Thursday watch President Obama announce Chrysler will file for bankruptcy in Detroit. AP

CHRYSLER'S CRISIS PLAN

CARMAKER FILES FOR BANKRUPTCY PROTECTION

Associated Press

Chrysler filed for bankruptcy protection Thursday and will form an alliance with the Italian carmaker Fiat in an effort to revive the nation's ailing third-largest automaker.

The Obama administration said it had long hoped to stave off bankruptcy, but it became clear that a holdout group of creditors wouldn't budge on proposals to reduce Chrysler's \$6.9 billion in secured debt. Clearing those debts was needed for Chrysler to restructure by a government-imposed Thursday deadline.

"No one should be confused about what a bankruptcy process means," President Obama said in a midday announcement. "This is not a sign of weakness but rather one more step on a clearly chartered path to Chrysler's revival."

Chrysler filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in New York on Thursday, with the hopes of emerging in as little as 60 days under the new partnership with Fiat. The government, which already has poured \$4 billion in loans into Chrysler, would provide up to \$8 billion more to carry the company through bankruptcy, said senior administration officials speaking on condition of anonymity. The

WHAT ABOUT FINANCING?

President Obama said Chrysler Financial, the arm of the company that makes loans to buyers and to dealers to finance their inventories, will be merged into GMAC Financial Services, once General Motors' finance arm. The new GMAC will get government support. Chrysler's base of dealers also would be pared down.

government also will help appoint a new board.

The deals give Chrysler "a new lease on life," Obama said. Under bankruptcy, Chrysler would still sell cars and the government would back its auto warranties. But Chrysler said Thursday that it will idle its plants during the legal proceedings. The company's chief executive, Robert Nardelli, said he will leave when the bankruptcy is complete.

When that occurs, the Auburn Hills, Mich.-based automaker would end up owned by the United Auto Workers union, the U.S. government and Fiat. The Canadian and Ontario governments, which also are contributing financing, would have small stakes.

But Fiat, which the Obama administration hopes can jump-start Chrysler with its fuel-efficient and lower-emission technology, could end up the majority stakeholder. Fiat would initially get 20 percent, a

share that could rise to 35 percent if certain benchmarks are met. Fiat said Thursday it could get an additional 16 percent by 2016 if Chrysler's U.S. government loans are fully repaid.

Chrysler's bankruptcy filing said it owes more than \$10 million apiece to 20 of its unsecured creditors, many of whom are vendors and suppliers.

CASUAL FRIDAY

Animal magnetism

Wouldn't you know it? Three of Thursday's most talked-about viral videos involve animals. And in the case of the third one, we're talking about the chameleon, not Boy George. But we're getting ahead of ourselves. **REDEYE**



Walk on the wild side

<http://tr.im/k744>

Alan! Alan! (You'll soon get it.) This video from the BBC features animals in the wild with human voiceovers. Look for the second scene, just a few seconds in, that stars a feuding giraffe couple. Oh no he didn't just do that in front of her!



Tickle, tickle!

<http://tr.im/k71B>

Awwwwwww. Don't stop. The video is called "Slow loris loves getting tickled," and it's pretty adorable. A slow loris is a little endangered primate known for having large eyes. In this wildly popular video, his eyes are wide open as he's tickled on a bed. In front of a laptop. Did we mention it's one of the world's most endangered primates?



Oh, boy (George)

<http://tr.im/k71Z>

Clearly a parody, the Karma Chameleon telephone glows red, gold and green, and plays your favorite cheesy '80s song whenever that special someone calls. And we thought the ShamWow was awesome. Bonus: Near as we can tell, Boy George is in the commercial.

Casual Friday is a, um, casual look at the week's news. Have an idea? E-mail ritaredeye@tribune.com or join at twitter.com/redeyechicago.

THE DIGIT

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More than one-third of the trains, equipment and facilities of the nation's seven largest rail transit agencies are near the end of their useful life or past that point, the government said Thursday. A report by the Federal Transit Administration estimates it will cost \$50 billion to bring the rail systems in Chicago, Boston, New York, New Jersey, San Francisco, Philadelphia and Washington, D.C., into good repair and \$5.9 billion a year to maintain them.





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TELL US

How do you feel about the Rochester, N.Y., station's decision to air interviews with all-black sources about the fried chicken flap? Should they have conducted other interviews, or did they do their best under deadline pressure? Tell Kyra at **kkyles@tribune.com**, and don't forget to include your full name, age and neighborhood, in case we run your comment in the paper.

FOR MORE

Check out Kyra Kyles on CLTV's "Garrard McClendon Live" at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Common sense can trump stereotypes

This just in: Black people like fried chicken. Want evidence? Visit Harold's Chicken Shack on 10259 S. Halsted St.

Hold on, I'm getting another update ...

Non-black people like fried chicken too.

For proof, hit up the Harold's in Wicker Park, where multi-hued masses get their deep-fried fix.

Maybe that kind of chicken-dining diversity doesn't exist for the Popeyes Louisiana Kitchen chain—at least that's the impression given by a now-viral video from a TV station in Rochester, N.Y.

Last week, WHAM, the ABC affiliate in Rochester, aired a story about a Popeyes that ran out of chicken and closed early on the day the chain was offering an appealing deal: eight pieces for \$4.99.

Consumer outrage is ideal fodder for cheesy TV pieces, so it's no wonder WHAM went out there, cameras rolling, to capture Popeyes patron angst.

True to form, a customer shouted at the unmanned drive-through intercom. One called the chain's customer service line from his cell, and another swore off that particular Popeyes for good.

Yes, the furor over fried food was funny.

What wasn't funny is that every customer in the news segment was black. This despite the fact that another Popeyes—which a WHAM staffer later acknowledged offered a mix of customers—also ran out of chicken that day.

A simple visit to that suburban location could have netted a more diverse array of interviewees. And I don't buy the notion that anyone at WHAM is puzzled by public outcry.

"Would I have felt better about it if we talked to white people, too? Yes," WHAM staffer Rachel Barnhart wrote in an online post about the piece. "Should we have gone to the Penfield store too? Maybe."

Maybe?

Correction, madame: Definitely.

Barnhart and the station's brand of belated racial reflection is what keeps stereotypes alive and kicking. It also underscores why some don't trust the mainstream media.

As a former full-time TV reporter, I know stations face challenges getting across town for fair and balanced interviews. Some people balk when they see a TV camera, and it's hard to get pieces shot and edited on a tight deadline.

But it's even harder to face viewer backlash if you don't make that extra effort, especially in a situation like this fried chicken flap.

WHAM really didn't have to go too much farther to get its story. According to calculations on **randmcnally.com**, the Penfield Popeyes is approximately 9 miles from the restaurant featured in the newscast.

WHAM staffers could have traveled just eight more than the proverbial extra mile to ensure a stereotype-free story.

Hopefully, next time, they will.



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Illinois' rape test backlog soaring

Chicago Tribune

The number of DNA samples from rapes and other serious offenses that sit untested at the Illinois crime lab for more than 30 days has soared four years after former Gov. Rod Blagojevich declared the problem had been eliminated.

The DNA backlog at the Illinois State Police Crime Lab has grown from at least 170 cases in 2005 to as many as 1,167 this year, with nearly half of the samples from rape kits, according to a Tribune review of lab statistics.

Sexual assault victims and law-enforcement officials say it can take as long as a year for DNA to be analyzed at the lab, the third-largest forensic laboratory in the world.

The delays in testing, underreported for years by the state police, have hindered investigations and prosecutions throughout the state, according to a recently released five-year review of the crime lab by the Illinois auditor general.

In some cases, criminals remained on the street free to commit more crimes, according to the audit, which didn't cite specific examples. Shortly after the audit's release last month, Larry Trent resigned as director of the state police. Trent said it was time for a change and that he wanted to spend more time with his family.

His successor, Jonathan Monken, said it was under Blagojevich's orders that funding for the lab was transferred and needed positions went unfilled.

Monken said Gov. Pat Quinn recently authorized adding 23 forensic scientists and technicians to a staff of several hundred and that the agency was taking additional steps to reduce the backlog. With nine branches, the ISP crime lab analyzes evidence free of charge for the vast majority of police agencies across the state.

Monken said he could not explain why the agency underreported the DNA backlog until 2008, but suggested Blagojevich was to blame for that too. The former governor, he said, reported the backlog had been cleaned up even though the crime lab told him that was not the case.



A black graffiti stencil of former Gov. Rod Blagojevich, including this one just south of Washington Street, began appearing in early April. **PHIL VELASQUEZ/TRIBUNE**

RUN, BLAGO, RUN

MYSTERY MURAL SHOWS FORMER GOV RUNNING

Chicago Tribune

A mysterious mural has turned up alongside a half-dozen concrete walls around the city in recent weeks.

The black graffiti stencil shows former Gov. Rod Blagojevich wearing his familiar track suit, running through the street and glancing over his shoulder, as if he is being pursued.

The image leaves it to the viewer to speculate about who is trailing Blago—U.S. Atty. Patrick Fitzgerald, perhaps?

Reminiscent of the work of Banksy, the London street artist, and Shepard Fairey, the creator of the ubiquitous Barack Obama Hope poster, the Blago stencil began appearing in early April. It has been spotted in a downtown alley behind the Macy's on State Street and on a viaduct at the corner of West 16th Street and South Union Avenue.

Like most street art, the creator leaves no signature. (The practice is illegal, after all.) But Pilsen artist Ray Noland, 36, is selling a first-edition poster of the image titled "Run, Blago, Run!" for \$75 on his Web site, cro.blgcartel.com.

Noland—who ran an unofficial Obama street art campaign last year—declined to comment on how his Blago design ended up on the street and suggested that anyone could have appropriated his image. "I just make the graphics," he said.

However, Noland did hint that urbanities should keep their eyes open for more images, which he predicted "will probably continue to pop up around the city."

Inmate rejailed for making threat against Daley

A Cook County Jail inmate who was about to be released went right back behind bars after allegedly making a threat against Mayor Daley, authorities said.

Lorenzo Davis, 25, was charged with one felony count of threatening a public official, said Chicago Police Officer Daniel O'Brien.

Davis was in the Cermak Hospital at the jail Wednesday when he made a threat against the mayor to medical staff, O'Brien said. He would not comment on the nature of the threat.

"Upon his release [from the jail] for the unrelated charges, he was taken into custody

for the threats," O'Brien said.

Davis was being held at the jail for an April 17 arrest for battery, disorderly conduct and aggravated assault to a police officer. He was scheduled to appear for a bond hearing Thursday afternoon at the Cook County Criminal Courts building. **TRIBUNE**

CTA riders unfazed by Biden's flu remark

Vice President Joe Biden's suggestion that Americans worried about swine flu should avoid subway trains was met with snark and eye-rolling Thursday as passengers crowded onto an afternoon Purple Line train, maskless and undaunted.

"I think he's causing just a little too much of a scare," said Tom Mullarkey. "Outside of complaining that swine flu takes up the first 10 minutes of the newscast, I'm not concerned."

Biden said Thursday that he would suggest to his family members that they not "go anywhere in confined places now," including airplanes and subways. The White House later tried to clarify the vice president's comments, saying he meant sick people should avoid trains and airplanes, but the damage was done, forcing transportation agencies across the country to speak out and reassure travelers.

Mayor Daley also voiced his frustration: "We all have to get to work. I mean, we'd be staying out of our cars. We'd be staying out of subways, out of elevators—how about elevators? No, no, no. You have to remember—we have to ... use some common sense."

Tollway 'green lanes' put on hold

The Illinois Tollway's proposed \$1.8 billion program to add carpool "green lanes" and build a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway and Interstate 57 will remain on hold indefinitely, officials said Thursday.

Tollway directors said they still back the proposal but cited lower gasoline prices and the availability of federal stimulus money for road work as reasons for not pushing the plan forward now.

The Tollway also is looking to Springfield to see if the legislature and Gov. Pat Quinn can come up with a new state public works program, board Chairman John Mitola said.

Mitola's comments came as the tollway's inspector general announced she had found no evidence of impropriety on the part of the Illinois State Toll Highway Authority staff, directors or consultants in deciding to approve the construction program and the Green Lanes concept.



A day of mourning

The body of Laura Engelhardt is loaded into a hearse Thursday at St. Peter Lutheran Church in Schaumburg following the service for she and her father, Alan Engelhardt, both of whom were stabbed to death in their Hoffman Estates home on April 17. A service for Laura's grandmother Marlene Gacek, who also was stabbed to death that day, is scheduled for Friday. D'Andre Howard, 20, who was the boyfriend of Laura Engelhardt's sister Amanda, has been charged with their murders. **STACEY WESCOTT/TRIBUNE**

Zoning czar to step down

The longtime boss of the City Council's Zoning Committee has told colleagues and aides that he intends to quit. Ald. William J.P. Banks (36th) has been chairman of the committee that rules on zoning changes across Chicago since Mayor Daley took office in 1989. Banks, who turns 60 in July, has overseen the powerful committee during one of the city's greatest construction booms in decades.

Caray's going to Navy Pier

A Harry Caray's Tavern, similar to the one on Sheffield Avenue in Wrigleyville, is likely to open on Navy Pier this summer. The sports-themed eatery is expected to move into the former Joe's Be-Bop space. The board of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority is expected to vote Tuesday on a staff recommendation to lease the space to Harry Caray's, one of a number of bidders, according to a source close to the deal.

CTA reroutes for rally

Several CTA bus routes are expected to be altered Friday afternoon during a planned immigration march expected to bring a large number of people into the Loop. The rally and march are set to begin at 10 a.m. Friday in Union Park on the Near West Side and end in the early afternoon at Federal Plaza in the Loop. To see a complete list of the bus routes that could be rerouted or face delays, go to <http://tr.im/k9re>.

Stolen files yield new Peterson details

Fox Chicago News reported Wednesday night that documents stolen from an Illinois State Police car and dropped off at the station reveal new information in cases involving former Bolingbrook police Sgt. Drew Peterson.



Peterson

The information includes a timeline of what investigators think happened to his fourth wife, Stacy, who disappeared in October 2007, a list of 59 leads and the police report from the night his third wife, Kathleen Savio, died.

The documents include information already made public, but with new details reportedly indicating Stacy was dead by 10:59 a.m. the day she vanished. That night, investigators alleged, Peterson removed the body with his stepbrother in a "large blue round plastic container weighing approximately 150 pounds with [a] screw-on top with clear plastic protruding from outside."

Investigators believe Peterson may

have disposed of Stacy's body in a quarry in the Bolingbrook area, according to the files.

Peterson is the suspect in Stacy's disappearance. Authorities also are taking a second look at the March 2004 death of Savio. Peterson has not

been charged in either case and denies wrongdoing.

Peterson said he didn't know the specifics of what Fox would air but said he wasn't worried.

"Any timeline they have is purely speculative," he said.

Peterson and attorney Joel Brodsky said they were to meet with Fox last week about the files, but it never materialized because Brodsky wanted to see them first.

A spokesman for Will County State's Atty. James Glasgow said the documents will not compromise the cases or pressure Glasgow to file charges before the investigations are done.

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■ Author Emily Evans Eerdmans discusses **THE REGENCY REVIVAL** in the twentieth century at The Merchandise Mart International Antiques Fair. Program sponsored by CINO and *The Magazine Antiques*; Friday, May 1 at 1 pm.

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It's now 'influenza-A H1N1'

The World Health Organization will stop using the name "swine flu" for the influenza virus that broke out in Mexico, a spokesman said. WHO spokesman Dick Thompson, speaking to reporters after a press briefing, noted that the agriculture industry had expressed concern about the name. The agency will use the term "influenza-A H1N1," he said.



Rampage kills 12

1 A young man armed with an automatic pistol and clips of ammunition rampaged through the prestigious Azerbaijan State Oil Academy institute in the capital city of Baku on Thursday, killing 12 people and wounding others before killing himself as police closed in, the government said. **AP PHOTO**

Car kills 4 in front of queen

2 A black car burst through police barriers at a Dutch parade for Queen's Day, catapulting spectators into the air before it slammed into a monument. Four people were killed and 13 wounded as the queen and her family looked on in disbelief Thursday. Officials called it a deliberate attack on the royal family.

Iraq war over for Brits

3 The Iraq war formally ended for British forces on Thursday as America's main battlefield ally handed control of the Basra area to U.S. commanders and prepared to ship out most of its remaining 4,000 troops. The U.S. still has about 130,000 troops in Iraq.

Man admits helping 9/11 plot

4 In a case the Obama administration was keenly interested in, a former Bradley University student pleaded guilty in Peoria federal court Thursday to conspiring with, and providing support for, Al Qaeda operatives in the months before and after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001.

Lawmaker clarifies comment

5 **RALEIGH, N.C.** A North Carolina congresswoman says she made a poor choice of words when she called the infamous murder of a gay Wyoming student a "hoax" to justify passing hate crimes bills.

Rep. Virginia Foxx (R-N.C.) said during debate in the House that the 1998 death of Matthew Shepard shouldn't be used to justify a hate crimes bill because it wasn't a hate crime. Foxx said Shepard was killed during a robbery.

The bill approved Wednesday by the House would expand a federal hate crimes

MISS CALIFORNIA'S CAMPAIGN

Carrie Prejean, the reigning Miss California, has gone to Washington to help launch a campaign opposing same-sex marriage. Prejean told NBC's "Today" show that she'll be working with the National Organization for Marriage to "protect traditional marriages."

law to include acts motivated by sexual orientation.

"We know that young man was killed in the commitment of a robbery. It wasn't

because he was gay," Foxx said during debate. "The bill was named for him, the hate-crimes bill was named for him, but it's really a hoax that continues to be used as an excuse for passing these bills."

Foxx later said her comments didn't convey what she meant to say.

"The term 'hoax' was a poor choice of words," Foxx said in a statement. "Mr. Shepard's death was nothing less than a tragedy, and those responsible for his death certainly deserved the punishment they received."



Collapsed

6 **NEW YORK** Firefighters and rescue crews search the rubble Thursday following the collapse of a vacant five-story building about seven blocks north of the World Trade Center site. The building had recently been cited for loose bricks and cracks. **AP PHOTO**



Suspect, 72, linked to L.A. serial killings

7 **LOS ANGELES** Police believe a 72-year-old insurance claims adjuster arrested in March is the most prolific serial killer in Los Angeles' history, having raped and strangled as many as 30 older women over two decades.

The break in the cold case came in October when John Floyd Thomas Jr., who had twice been convicted of sexual assault, had a DNA sample taken as part of an effort to build an offender database.

Thomas was charged April 2 with murdering one woman in 1972 and another in 1976. DNA matching Thomas' was found at three other crime scenes in the 1970s and '80s, Los Angeles police cold case Detective Richard Bengston told the L.A. Times.

Detectives now consider Thomas also a suspect in two waves of killings that left at least 22 women dead, the newspaper reported. It could not be immediately determined where the other killings took place.



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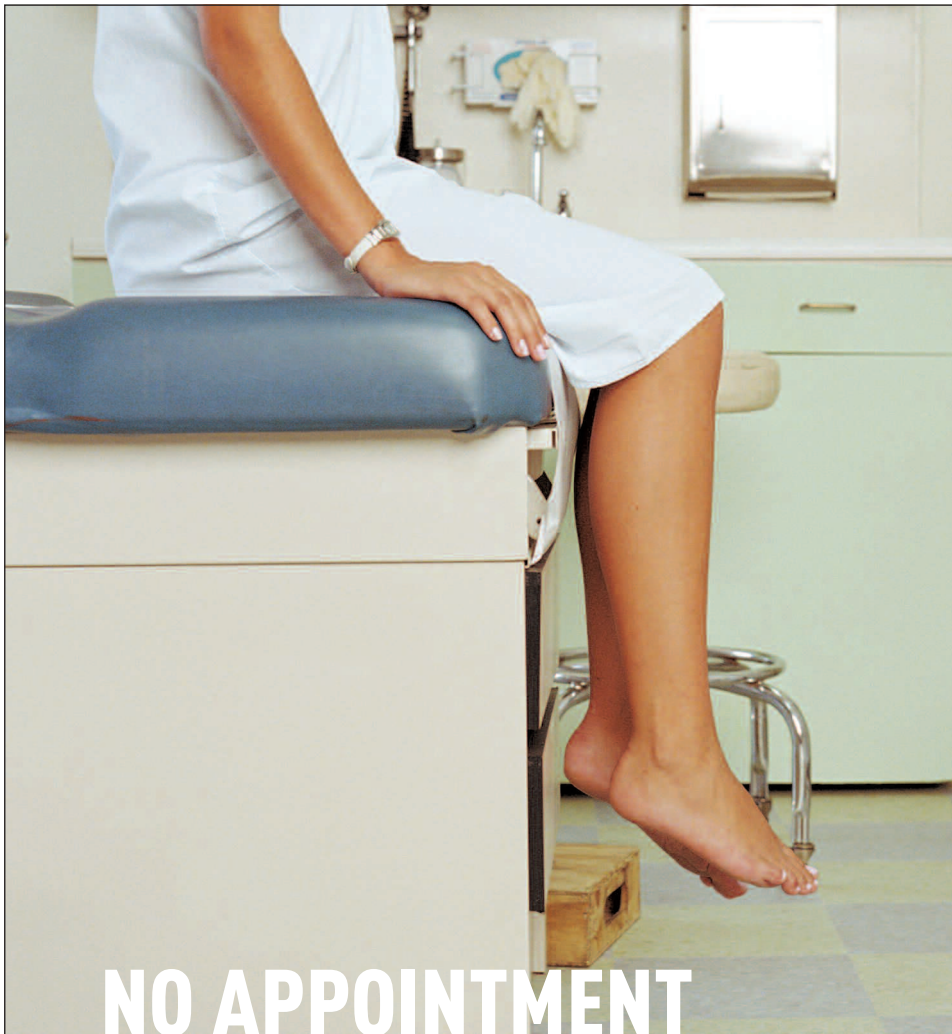
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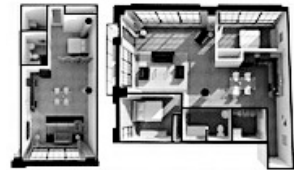
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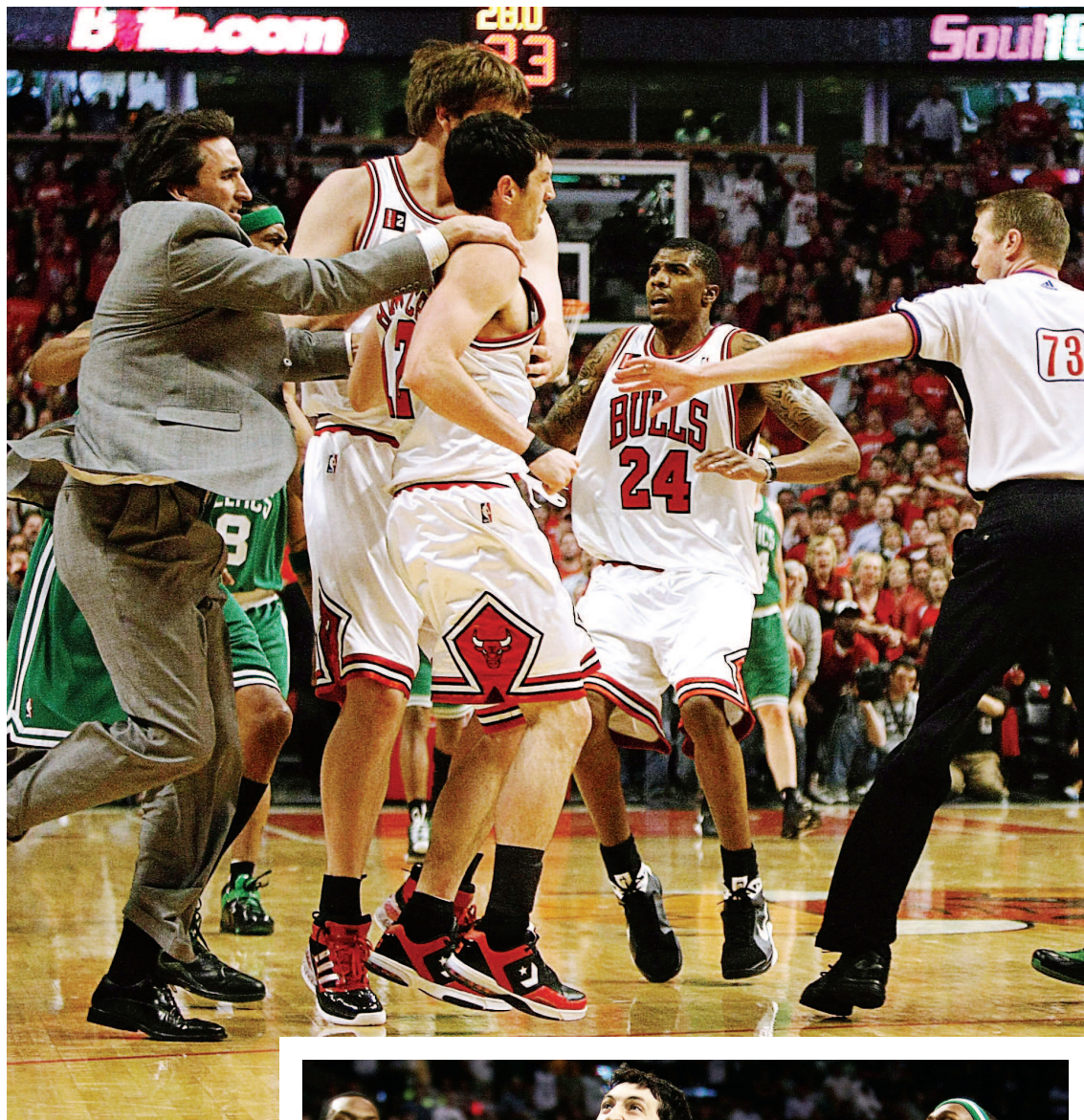
GAME 6: Bulls 128, Celtics 127 Series tied 3-3.

FIGHT TO THE FINISH

Rough series turns even rougher as Bulls tie series at United Center

RedEye

Everyone knew Thursday night's Bulls-Boston Celtics game would be a powder keg after the controversial end of Game 5 on Tuesday in Boston. It took only one quarter for the fireworks to flare. And wouldn't you know, it was Celtics star Rajon Rondo again, this time trying to take down Kirk Hinrich near the end of the first quarter.



GAME 5

Hinrich goes to the floor after being tripped—was it on purpose?—by, guess who, Rondo. Hinrich hits his head on the floor and needs stitches to close up a gash above his right eye.

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Rondo—yes, him again—hits Miller across the face as he goes in for a game-tying layup. Miller's lip bloodied, and he too needs stitches. He goes on to brick two free throws as the Bulls lose. Is it just a coincidence that Rondo rhymes with tae kwon do? AP





GAME 6

Rondo and Hinrich get tied up. Rondo pulls Hinrich into the scorers table by the arm, much like a WWE wrestler pulls his opponent into the ropes. Hinrich responds with a shove, Rondo lifts a fist and looks as though he throws a weak punch. The league will review that. But, of course, they'll say it's just a personal.

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GAME 3

Rondo draws the first flagrant foul of the series after he pulls down Joakim Noah in the first quarter. He likes to get his hits in early, apparently.

Bulls force Game 7

Chicago Tribune

This Eastern Conference semifinal series has changed time zones and blood pressures, featured stunning individual performances and selfless team play and traveled through six indescribable games to lead to one fitting conclusion:

Game 7.

The Bulls forced this scintillating scenario with—and this is not a typo—a triple-overtime thriller, a 128-127 adjective-exhausting victory over the Celtics before an eardrum-affecting crowd of 23,430 at the United Center.

These teams already had established an NBA record for most overtime games in a series and now have played four.

Joakim Noah's steal, full-court drive, dunk and three-point play that fouled out Paul Pierce with 35.5 seconds left will live in Bulls history.

It pushed the Bulls ahead 126-123 and they hung on despite Kirk Hinrich missing an open layup and Derrick Rose missing two free throws with 3.2 seconds left.



GAME 4

Glen "Big Baby" Davis fouls Brad Miller hard under the basket. Miller responds with a forearm shiver that falls just short of a punch. He is called for a technical. He cannot believe it. **JOSÉ M. OSORIO/TRIBUNE**

NHL PLAYOFFS

GAME 1: Vancouver 5, Blackhawks 3

Canucks lead series 1-0.



Ben Eager (left) tries to skate past Vancouver's Kevin Bieksa on Thursday during the first game of Chicago's second-round playoff series with the Canucks. **GETTY IMAGES**

Hawks stumble in Game 1

Chicago Tribune

Roberto Luongo already plays at a level higher than nearly every other goaltender in the NHL, but once the Vancouver Canucks captain gets into the playoffs, he enters a whole new stratosphere.

The Blackhawks have the difficult task of trying to solve Luongo in the Western Conference semifinals, but their first attempt ended in a 5-3 loss Thursday night at General Motors Place. The Hawks ral-

lied from a 3-0 deficit before Sami Salo scored the winner for the Canucks with less than two minutes remaining and Ryan Johnson added an empty-netter.

Luongo entered Thursday night's game with a 9-7 record, 1.63 goals-against average and .946 save percentage in 16 career postseason games and was at his best when he backstopped the Canucks to a four-game sweep of the St. Louis Blues in the first round.

RedEye takes on Vancouver 24 Hours

RedEye

What's postseason hockey without a little good-natured gambling?

RedEye and fellow free tabloid Vancouver 24 Hours have placed a friendly—it's friendly, right guys?—wager on the Blackhawks-Canucks series.

What's on the line: If the Blackhawks win, RedEye gets a case of Granville Island Lager. If the Canucks win, we'll send Vancouver 24 Hours a case of Goose Island, which the paper called "some schwappy grog." Oh, no they didn't.

Follow the war of words online at **twitter**.



com/redeyesports, and also next week in Five on Five watch our own Bag Boy take on Vancouver 24 Hours' Guts McTavish, a hand puppet of an old guy wearing

a kilt. Must be Canadian humor.

Not to be outdone, Mayor Daley placed a bet on the series with Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson.

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1 What's your Round 2 advice for the Blackhawks?	Don't bring a knife to a gun fight.	Go for the masks. But attacking their universal health-care system may seem anti-social.	Just don't disappoint MerryBeth Davis. She'll be rip-roaring mad if you screw this up.	Try to injure everyone on the opposing team.	Keep your chin up, but don't let anyone hit it.
2 Who would you like to see the Bulls add for next season?	A big man who actually plays big.	Kevin Garnett. Like Chicago politicians, Garnett can win even without a court appearance.	Someone with the rebounding of Dwight Howard, the scoring of LeBron and the figure of Scarlett Johansson.	Someone who can make a free throw.	A Skittles vendor at the United Center. Pretty please.
3 What excuse should the Cubs use for playing below expectations?	Jim Hendry had the worst off-season by any Chicago sports team in recent memory. It's on him.	Like their fans, the Cubs always need to set the bar within reach.	They're still hung over from their 1908 World Series celebration.	We're from the North Side—no one even likes us.	They're just little Cubs, they're not grown yet.
4 Make a sports prediction for May.	Milton Bradley and I hit the same number of homers.	The Cavs will get senioritis—the one disease Cleveland cannot mask.	My address becomes: That Guy/The booth in the back corner at Bull & Bear/431 N. Wells.	Bulls won't be playing.	I'll finally be able to shave off my hockey playoff beard. Sorry, Hawks.
5 How is "American Idol's" Final Four like the final four of any sports competition?	Three powerhouses and then you've got Adam Lambert as a mid-major.	In all competitions, Seacrest is out.	Very few transsexuals participate.	Competition is fierce but there will only be one winner.	Big bullies: Simon Cowell and Bob Knight.

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I'm not a believer

Sorry, I'm not buying it.

Sure, the Bulls played the Celtics tough, they have a ton of heart, and Derrick Rose is unbelievable. I still am not sold.

First off, other than Rose, they're not that good. Tyrus Thomas and Joakim Noah have zero offensive skills. That leaves Rose and Ben Gordon—and Gordon needs Rose to flourish.

As for Brad Miller, sorry for the fat lip. Next time, consider a dunk instead of a lazy finger roll.

OK, a little celebration here. The Blackhawks have made it to Round 2. Too bad the party ends here. Vancouver is too tough. Their goalie, Roberto Luongo, is sick. Seriously, if you can't score, you can't win. The Canucks take the series, but it's something to build on.

I think the Cubs owe the Bulls and Blackhawks some nice gifts for stealing attention away from an average team.

Let's hold off on the World Series

expectations and revel in being a .500 team. I'm looking way up at the St. Louis Cardinals, who are going to run away.

Milton Bradley—as advertised! What a mope. Oh, and we let Mark DeRosa go to get this guy.

Normally, I'd say wait until it warms up—then the bats will heat up. The problem is our pitching stinks too. I'm not impressed with Ryan Dempster or anyone else. Hey, here's an upside: no playoff heartbreak this year. We won't make the playoffs.

I expect the Bears to make the playoffs—it's September, right? That's how I feel right after the NFL Draft. I think Jerry Angelo may never pick in the first or second round again—who can blame him with his record. Nonetheless, I still want my receiver—and my safety. Can't win without them.

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No local playoff games Friday. Consider it the calm before the next storm. Here now, my TV picks.



MLB
Cubs
vs. Florida
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So many Cubs problems, so little space.



MLB
White Sox
at Texas
7:05 p.m. CSN

A whole lot of ugly here too, but they're in first, at least.



HOMETOWN HITS



Florida 8, Cubs 2

» Aramis Ramirez was deemed healthy enough to stay off the

disabled list, after an MRI on his strained calf showed no tear. "He went through an extensive array of stretching and running exercises, and he's much better than he was in Phoenix two days ago," manager Lou Piniella said.

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White Sox designated hitter Jim Thome and second baseman Chris Getz were cleared to play Friday night at Texas.

Center fielder Brian Anderson will be re-evaluated before Friday night's game after suffering an injury to his oblique muscle in Wednesday's win over Seattle. Thome tested his left heel by running the bases in the rain Thursday, the Sox said. Getz received treatment on his fractured right middle finger. TRIBUNE

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1 El Beso, \$8.95
Fuego Mexican Grill & Margarita Bar, 2047 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-1122

POTENCY: 4

Tequila: Casa Noble Reposado
Mixers: Licor 43, Chambord, pineapple juice
Rim: None

The margarita list at this gargantuan new Mexican spot in Logan Square is

nearly two dozen strong, but El Beso ("The Kiss") is one to remember. Casa Noble Reposado, a super-smooth tequila aged for a full year in French white oak, helps it go down easy, and vanilla and herbal flavors from Licor 43, a Spanish liqueur, add complexity. Shaken tableside and served up in a chunky, martini-style margarita glass, this is one of the sexiest margs we've come across.

2 The Wizzo, \$9
Tiny Lounge, 4352 N. Leavitt St. 773-463-0396

This laid-back cocktail lounge in North Center serves up a mean classic margarita, but we also like this orange-tinged

version, which has a much sweeter taste thanks to orange and lime slices muddled with simple syrup. A fair warning: Like most of Tiny's drinks, this small but mighty sipper goes down quick.

POTENCY: 3

Tequila: Milagro Silver
Mixers: Orange, lime, simple syrup
Rim: None

5 'ritas to rock

Get set for Cinco de Mayo with these offbeat margaritas

By Lisa Arnett and M. Kathleen Pratt

We know Cinco de Mayo's on the way when we're hit with a sudden, unexplainable craving for tequila. Sure, you can get your fix from a huge pitcher of the classic limey concoction, but why not mix things up with a funky variation at one of these spots?

POTENCY RATING

- 1= No effect
- 2= Fake a Spanish accent
- 3= Don a sombrero
- 4= Serenade your friends
- 5= Dance the Macarena on the bar

POTENCY: 4

Tequila: El Jimador Reposado
Mixers: Hibiscus syrup, Luxardo Maraschino liqueur, lime juice
Rim: Rambutan sugar

3 The Jalisco Kiss, \$11
Sepia, 123 N. Jefferson St. 312-441-1920

Founding mixologist Peter Vestinos put this West Loop restaurant on the map in the cocktail department, but new head bartender Joshua Pearson is quite capably filling his shoes behind the bar. His spin on the margarita has fresh herbal tang thanks to house-made hibiscus syrup and has become a fast favorite of both diners and staff. Instead of a salt rim, coarse sugar mixed with freeze-dried rambutan (a tropical fruit with a lychee-like taste), adds a shot of sweetness. And don't let the near-neon pink color scare you, boys—you can still keep your man card when ordering this one.

4 Tradicional, \$9
Simone's Bar, 960 W. 18th St. 312-666-8601

With all the nods to Latin cuisine on the menu (empanadas, jalapeno-topped burgers, tres leches cake), you might expect a few margs on the menu too. But Simone's dodges the traditional lime-based drink and instead serves this pomegranate-citrus blend on the rocks (pictured right). Want to sip for yourself? Make sure to stop in this weekend, as it'll be morphing into another offbeat tequila drink as early as next week.

POTENCY: 2

Tequila: Jose Cuervo Tradicional
Mixers: Pama pomegranate liqueur, orange and grapefruit juices
Rim: Coarse salt—and lots of it.



Fuel
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5 Green Apple Margarita, \$10
Fuel Kitchen & Cocktail Lounge, 1725 W. Division St. 773-782-6034

A frozen marg served in a martini glass and garnished with a cherry? This drink (top left) is definitely one for the nontraditionalist, as the only thing recognizably 'rita about it is the tequila and triple sec. A nod to Fuel's daytime smoothie bar, it's made with green tea-based apple smoothie mix. Kinda like "The Hills," it's frosty, fruity and uncomplex, but undeniably fun.

POTENCY: 2

Tequila: Don Julio Blanco
Mixers: Cointreau, Green Apple Pucker, green apple smoothie mix, ice
Rim: None

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We've got the scoop on cheap margarita deals to get you through Cinco de Mayo and beyond at metromix.com.

best bets

By Rebecca Palmore
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fri 1 Naked Girls Reading

Studio L'amour, 939 W. Randolph St. Suite 300. 312-243-6690.
Michelle L'amour and a handful of friends bare it all to read lyrics, articles and more. BYOB. 7 p.m. \$15.

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Hideout, 1354 W. Wabansia Ave. 773-227-4433.
RedEye columnist Mark Bazer introduces design expert Nate Berkus ("The Oprah Winfrey Show"), author Joe Meno ("The Great Perhaps") and others. 6:30 p.m. \$5.

sat 2 Derby Daze Chicago

Halligan Bar, 2274 N. Lincoln Ave.
Crawl to six bars along Lincoln Avenue, ending at **Hi-Tops** (2462 N. Lincoln Ave.). Includes "best dressed" prizes and drink specials. 11 a.m. \$20. Register: derbydazechicago.com

Toga Happy Meower

Tuman's, 2159 W. Chicago Ave. 773-784-5488 ext. 238.
The iconic frat-party garb is repurposed for this benefit for Tree House Humane Society. Buy feline-themed drinks to help raise cash. 7 p.m. No cover.



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sun 3 Girl Food Dinner

West Town Tavern, 1329 W. Chicago Ave. 312-666-6175.
Five local female chefs, including West Town's own Susan Goss, team up for a five-course dinner to benefit the Greater Chicago Food Depository at this 13th annual event. 5:30 p.m. \$150.

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10 a.m.: Kentucky Derby Party. Watch the Derby over food specials such as friend green tomatoes (\$6.95) and bourbon chicken sandwiches (\$7.95). Drink specials include \$3 fuzzy naves, \$4 SoCo cocktails and SoCo Lime shots, plus \$5 mint juleps. No cover; 2630 N. Clark St. 773-248-3900.

FIZZ BAR & GRILL

2 p.m.: Derby Day Party. Cheer on your favorite horse while making laps to a premium open bar and nibbling themed dishes such as burgoos stew and bourbon brownies. Derby attire recommended. \$50-\$60; 3220 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-348-6000.

HALLIGAN BAR

11 a.m.: Derby Daze Chicago. Wear derby attire for a pub crawl along Lincoln Avenue. Includes prizes for best-dressed crawler and best hat. Start at Halligan and move on to **Wise Fools Pub** (2270 N. Lincoln Ave.), **O'Malley's** (2249 N. Lincoln Ave.), **Kelsey's** (2265 N. Lincoln Ave.), **Kendall's** (2263 N. Lincoln Ave.) and **Hi-Tops** (2462 N. Lincoln Ave.). \$20; 2274 N. Lincoln Ave. 312-282-0071.

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3 p.m.: Derby Day Party. Buy a cocktail to pick a winning horse for the chance to score prizes. Sip \$11 mint juleps made with bourbon, brandy, whiskey and gin; No cover; 5420 N. Clark St. 773-334-9463.



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2 p.m.: Kentucky Derby Day at Market. Watch all the action while sipping \$5 Macallan mint juleps. No cover; 1113 W. Randolph St. 312-929-4787.

MOONSHINE

3 p.m.: Down 'n' Derby. Wear Kentucky Derby attire and celebrate with specials such as fried green tomatoes (\$9) and crab cake salads (\$14), plus \$4 mint juleps. No cover; 1824 W. Division St. 773-862-8686.

THE PONY

1:30 p.m.: 2009 Kentucky Derby Party. Includes an open bar and a buffet. Dress in Southern attire for a chance to win prizes for best dressed and best hat. Drink specials include \$5 mint juleps. \$40; 1638 W. Belmont Ave. 773-828-5055.

WRIGHTWOOD TAP

12:30 p.m.: Talk Derby to Me pub crawl. Celebrate Kentucky Derby Day by touring six Lincoln Park bars, including **The Grand Central** (950 W. Wrightwood Ave.), **Prost** (2566 N. Lincoln Ave.) and others. Drink specials include \$2 domestic beers and \$3 Kentucky Kool-Aid cocktails. The first 20 bargoers to purchase their wristband at Wrightwood Tap (12:30 p.m.) will be assigned a horse; the winner scores \$100; \$10. 1059 W. Wrightwood Ave. 773-549-4949.

5 MORE SATURDAY PARTIES TO PLAN FOR

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TUMAN'S

7 p.m.: Toga Happy Meower. Dress in a toga and sip feline-themed drinks to raise money for stray cats. Includes a "most creative toga" contest and a raffle. No cover; 2159 W. Chicago Ave. 773-784-5488 ext. 238.

SOUND-BAR

10 p.m.: The Dance Factory. To Kool Chris, Marski, Caffeine, Bobby D, Erik K and Jernell Geronimo spin. \$20. RSVP at sound-bar.com for reduced admission; 226 W. Ontario St. 312-787-4480.

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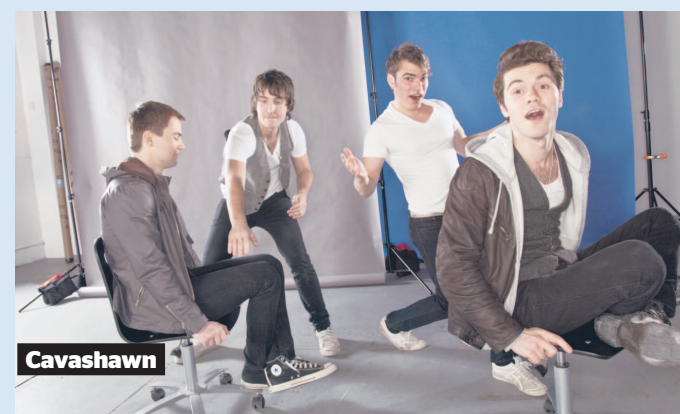
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PUBLIC ENEMIES

No more Jack Sparrow antics or murderous musical numbers. Depp's back in top form as John Dillinger in the Chicago-shot crime drama, co-starring Christian Bale. We're betting on "Public Enemies" as one of the summer's biggest hits—and best movies.

Release date: July 1

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ublic Enemies." "Star Trek." "Terminator: Salvation." Whether you prefer Tommy guns, phasers or futuristic rifles, the summer 2009 movie season packs the heat. Hollywood's bringing out the big guns: Johnny Depp as a roaring '20s gangster, Zachary Quinto as Spock and Christian Bale as mankind's robot-slaying savior. Movies with nary a drop of testosterone get their screen time too. Meryl Streep—the surprise summer movie queen of the past few years—goes for No. 3 while Judd Apatow and Will Ferrell serve up loads of laughs. Here are 20 films we think are sure to provide moviegoers with another explosive summer.

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Revamping the cheesy sci-fi franchise is no easy task. But exciting special effects, an inspired cast (including Chris Pine, Simon Pegg and Zoe Saldana) and director J.J. Abrams are definitely up to the challenge. Dare we say the geekily beloved series may actually become cool?

Release date: May 8



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TERMINATOR: SALVATION

After 2003's "Terminator: Rise of the Machines," this franchise was on life support. Enter energetic director McG and the added gravitas of star Christian Bale, who already has succeeded in juicing up the "Batman" franchise.

Release date: May 21

ANGELS & DEMONS

"The Da Vinci Code" made \$750 million worldwide even though it wasn't actually, you know, good. This sequel is based on a book author Dan Brown wrote pre-"Da Vinci," but director Ron Howard and star Tom Hanks are using it to continue the adventures of Robert Langdon.

Release date: May 15

DRAG ME TO HELL

The horror genre could seriously use a kick in the butt. "Spider-Man" and "Evil Dead" director Sam Raimi might be just the man to do it.

Release date: May 29



HARRY POTTER AND THE HALF-BLOOD PRINCE

Secrets are revealed, danger lurks in the air and sooner or later someone very important is going to die. The best news for fans who still can't get enough of the boy wizard: The final story will be split into two movies, so we'll have three consecutive years of "Potter" pictures.

Release date: July 15

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THE TAKING OF PELHAM 123

Based on a gritty '70s favorite, this crime drama puts Denzel Washington opposite John Travolta, who plays the leader of a band of baddies holding New York subway riders hostage for ransom.

Release date: June 12

TRANSFORMERS: REVENGE OF THE FALLEN

The "Transformers" sequel looks at least five times bigger, larger and freakin' huger than the already over-the-top original. And that's fine by us. Bonus: a small role for Rainn Wilson to provide some welcome comic relief.

Release date: June 24

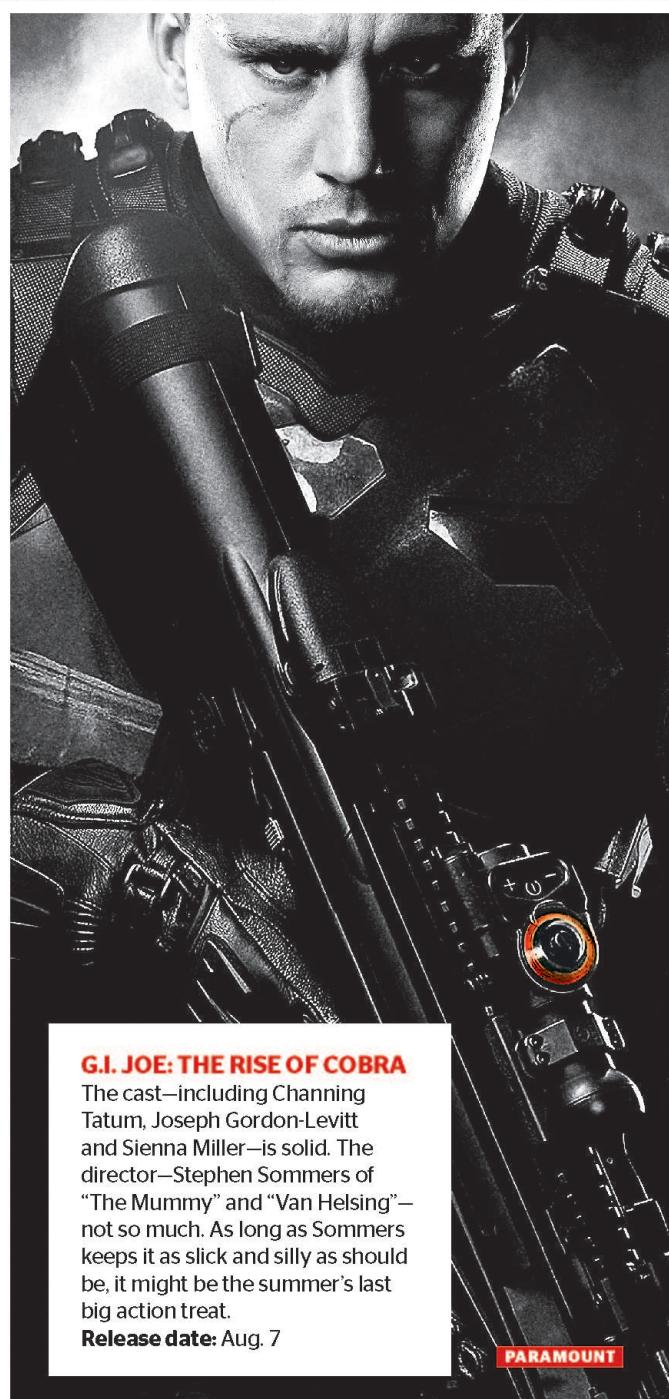


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INGLOURIOUS BASTERDS

Whoa. Proving again he has no fear whatsoever, writer-director Quentin Tarantino helms an ultra-violent story about Jewish-American soldiers in WWII out to scalp the enemy in Nazi-occupied France. Brad Pitt, Eli Roth, BJ Novak, Samuel L. Jackson and Mike Myers star.

Release date: Aug. 21



G.I. JOE: THE RISE OF COBRA

The cast—including Channing Tatum, Joseph Gordon-Levitt and Sienna Miller—is solid. The director—Stephen Sommers of "The Mummy" and "Van Helsing"—not so much. As long as Sommers keeps it as slick and silly as should be, it might be the summer's last big action treat.

Release date: Aug. 7

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"Land of the Lost"

LAND OF THE LOST: Will Ferrell's update of the popular '70s TV series; June 5

MOON: Sam Rockwell plays an astronaut nearing the end of a solo lunar mission who encounters ... himself. Is he losing his mind? June 12 (limited)

YEAR ONE: Michael Cera's trademark soft-spoken awkwardness fits his role as an ancient man—along with Jack Black—confused about how to live in a primitive world; June 19

BRUNO: Sacha Baron Cohen's flamboyantly gay TV interviewer takes his in-your-face style to a new level; July 10

I LOVE YOU, BETH COOPER: Writer Larry Doyle's novel is like an '80s teen flick that understands its own clichés and contradictions; July 10

(500) DAYS OF SUMMER: Joseph Gordon-Levitt tries stabilize a flighty yet irresistible gal played by Zooey Deschanel; July 17 (limited)

THE UGLY TRUTH: The generic-looking tale has Katherine Heigl as a TV producer paired with an obnoxious relationship commentator (Gerard Butler); July 24

FUNNY PEOPLE: Judd Apatow directs Adam Sandler, who plays a comedian recovering from a terminal illness; July 31



"Julie and Julia"

JULIE AND JULIA: Meryl Streep stars as Julia Child and Amy Adams is home cook Julie Powell; Aug. 7

TAKING WOODSTOCK: Ang Lee directs Demetri Martin starring as a closeted gay man who plays a key role in starting the concert festival; Aug. 14 (limited)



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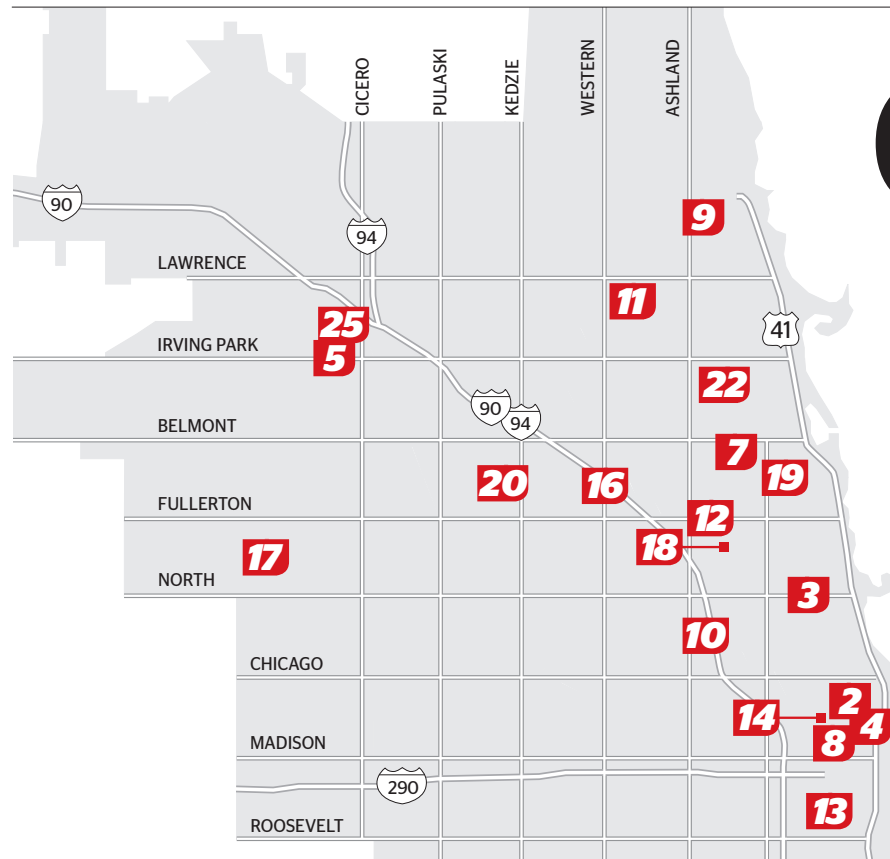
By Tracy Swartz
REDEYE

Movie theaters are staging a comeback. U.S. box offices have grossed \$3.1 billion this year through Wednesday, a jump from the \$2.7 billion earned during the same period last year, according to industry tracker boxofficemojo.com.

Summer is typically when multiplexes reel in the customers. Aside from the 26 movie theaters located in Chicago, the Chicago Park District hosts movies at more than 125 city parks from June 12 through Aug. 30.

RedEye looks at Hollywood in the city.

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1. AMC Ford City 14
7601 S. Cicero Ave.

Outside the Ford City Mall, the theater has 14 screens.

2. AMC Loews

600 N. Michigan Ave.

Magnificent Mile theater has nine screens and 1,808 seats.

3. AMC Loews Pipers Alley
1608 N. Wells St.

The Old Town theater has four screens and 1,292 seats.

4. AMC River East 21

322 E. Illinois St.

Located next to the Lucky Strike Lanes, the theater has 21 screens and 3-D capability.

5. Bank of America Cinema
4901 W. Irving Park Rd.

Open on Saturdays, it shows black-and-white films from the 1930s through '60s.

6. Beverly Arts Center
2407 W. 111th St.

Home of the Chicago Irish Film Festival, the theater has 400 seats and an annual audience of 5,000-6,000.

7. Brew and View at the Vic
3145 N. Sheffield Ave.

True to its name, the theater has a full bar, one screen and seats for up to 1,000 patrons.

8. Chicago Cultural Center
77 E. Randolph St.

The Claudia Cassidy Theater has about 200 seats and hosts the Reel Music series.

9. Chicago Filmmakers
5243 N. Clark St.

Venue typically hosts one screening per week. Theater has one screen and 75 cushioned chairs.

10. Chopin Theatre
1543 W. Division St.

The theater has two pull-down screens, and a discussion or performance often accompanies the movie.

11. Davis Theater
4614 N. Lincoln Ave.

The 80-year-old theater once showed German films.

12. Facets Cinematheque
1517 W. Fullerton Ave.

Host of the Latino Film Festival, the theater has two screens and 160 seats.

13. Film Row Cinema at Columbia College
1104 S. Wabash Ave.

Renovated in 2007, the theater features a 252-seat film screening room capable of showing 35 mm films.

14. Gene Siskel Film Center
164 N. State St.

Part of the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the center has two screens and annual audience of about 65,000.

15. I.C.E. Chatham 14
210 W. 87th St.

The 11-year-old multiplex hosts black cinema documentaries and discussions.

16. Kerasotes City North 14
2600 N. Western Ave.

Theater offers 14 screens, digital 3-D and about 4,200 stadium seats.

17. Kerasotes ShowPlace 14
5530 W. Homer Blvd.

Theater boasts 14 screens, digital 3-D and about 2,800 "plush velour" stadium seats.

18. Kerasotes Webster Place 11
1471 W. Webster Ave.

Amenities include "plush velour" seats for about 2,300, 11 screens and digital 3-D.

19. Landmark Century
2828 N. Clark St.

It has seven screens and hosts the Midwest Independent Film Festival monthly.

20. Logan

2646 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The Logan Square theater shows second-run features for \$4 (all seats and all times).

21. Max Palevsky Cinema
1212 E. 59th St.

The University of Chicago theater has 460 seats and 480 screenings per year.

22. Music Box

3733 N. Southport Ave.

The theater has two screens and shows shadow-casting performances of the "Rocky Horror Picture Show" monthly.

23. Navy Pier IMAX
700 E. Grand Ave.

Navy Pier's IMAX screen, which measures 60 feet by 80 feet, attracts more than 350,000 guests annually.

24. Omnimax Theater (MOSI)
5700 S. Lake Shore Drive

The five-story, domed Omnimax screen can be viewed by 330 patrons.

25. Portage Theater
4050 N. Milwaukee Ave.

The theater, nearly 90 years old, hosts a classic movie matinee every few weeks.

26. University of Chicago Film Studies Center
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The screening room holds 100 patrons. The center hosts free events with a focus on visiting filmmakers and scholars.

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From musician to Wolverine's BFF

By Miki Turner
FOR REDEYE

Black Eyed Peas frontman Will.i.am is forever expanding his horizons. The man who actively campaigned for Barack Obama, creating the "Yes, We Can" anthem for the future president, is now starring in his first feature film, "X-Men Origins: Wolverine." He plays the title character's closest friend, John Wraith, in the film that opens Friday.

Will recently talked about acting, politics and his music career during an exclusive interview in L.A. with RedEye.

How did you get involved with "Wolverine"?

I got a magical call from a magical cat out of the blue. It was the end of February [2008], and I was campaigning for Obama. I get a phone call from my agent, and I told him I didn't really want to go for it because I don't ever get those gigs. They convinced me to drive down to Fox because they were really interested in me. So, I went down and read, and they wanted to know if I could leave Friday if I got it. This was Monday.

And you got it?

I talked to Gavin [Hood, the director] the next day, and he wanted to know if I had acting experience. I said, you know, I don't have acting experience, but I'm a director and producer and songwriter and in the studio I know how to pull emotion and get the right performance. And because of that, I can be directed. Then I got it.

Did you ever fantasize about being a comic book character?

No. I collected graphic novels for art's sake because I liked the artwork. But I wasn't one of those cats who were like, yeah, I wanna be whatever.

How are you assessing the first 100 days of President Obama's term?

I think we shouldn't be judging him that early. It isn't going to be Obama all by himself. It's going to take Obama, all these senators, all the governors and mayors and teachers and police chiefs and business owners. It's going to take us all moving forward. But if we were to judge him, I think he's doing a phenomenal job. He's changed the way America is viewed by the rest of the world in less than 100 days. He's about to score 24 points in the first quarter.

Did you think your video "Yes, We Can" would take off the way it did?

I didn't know that it was going to be that effective, but I knew that it was going to do something. The way it made me feel when I saw it I thought if I literally pulled emotion out of people and made them realize that something was happening in the world, that they would literally wake up right now.

What's up next for the Black Eyed Peas?

We've got a new record that comes out June 9. It's called "The End." "The End" is a perfect title for all the things that are happening now in the world. It's the end of corrupted banks. It's the end of the misconception that America would never graduate from its prejudices. It's the end of the music industry—there's no more record stores. How can you have an industry with no stores? All of those aren't negatives, though, so "The End" stands for the energy never dies. With the closing of a window comes a new positive.

Are you going to be seeking more acting roles?

Well, I always knew that I was going to write and direct a film at one point in time, and I knew I was going to carve out a part for me. That's the same reason why I sing. I'm not the best singer, but the only reason why I sing and perform is because I write the songs and carve out a part for me! MIKI TURNER IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Will.i.am
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Taylor-made

Taylor Kitsch (left) was way ahead of his "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" co-stars in one way: He didn't have to go through a lengthy exercise regimen to build the strength to play superhero Gambit.

The actor already was in good physical shape. Kitsch, 28, was on his way to a career in pro hockey

when he injured his knee.

Add that to his role on the NBC series "Friday Night Lights" as a football player.

So, Kitsch spent his prep time playing cards. The comic book character Gambit has the ability to load a massive energy charge into any object—often a playing card that he will toss at his foe.

Gambit's introduction in the feature film finds him juggling a

full deck of playing cards in an aerial ballet.

Kitsch also spent four months doing martial-arts training to be able to use a bo staff, one of Gambit's weapons of choice. Kitsch wanted the fight scenes with the weapon to look effortless. He remembers Gambit being a cool character.

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The Merry Gentleman (R)

In case freezing Decembers in Chicago weren't already tough enough, Kate (Kelly Macdonald) runs from her abusive husband (Bobby Cannavale) and accidentally witnesses a failed suicide attempt by soft-spoken assassin Frank (Michael Keaton). Soon, an awkward officer investigating a murder falls for Kate, who hits it off with Frank, and many strange conversations result about life and death, ghosts and angels, relationships and suicide, God and Christmas.

The verdict: Director Keaton and writer Ron Lazzeretti pick tones like someone pulling out lotto numbers, as "Gentleman" constantly veers from creepy to festive to sad to twinkly to spiritual to bright to depressing.



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Battle for Terra (PG)

A ridiculously bland-looking race of aliens lives a simple, peaceful life on their prosperous, laid-back planet. That is, until those selfish humans of the future invade. Featuring the voices of Evan Rachel Wood as lead alien Mala and Luke Wilson as friendly human soldier Stanton, with Justin Long, Luke Wilson, David Cross, Brian Cox and Danny Glover.

The verdict: Kids won't like the characters or digest the pacifist preaching; parents will wish they were seeing "Wolverine."

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STATE OF PLAY

@katriord Crowe scruffy old school old media vs. new blogger paper in trouble congressman old roommate in bigger trouble.

@salkover Crowe and Affleck excel in heated political thriller; Rachel McAdams shows she's not just another pretty face.

THE SOLOIST

@chicagohomeless The Soloist got a lot right about homelessness, (mental health problems, not everyone is an addict) but fell short of great.

@christalh I understand why the studio pushed back the release date removing it from Oscar contention.

OBSSESSED

@jsolomonii Obsessed was tired thought beyonce would get better at acting she was about the same

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- **The Soloist** (PG-13) ★ 11:00,12:45,1:40,3:30,4:30,6:20,7:20,9:10,10:10,12:10
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- **17 Again** (PG-13) 10:30,1:20,4:00,6:40,9:20
- **Adventureland** (R) 11:30,2:10,5:00,7:50,10:30
- **I Love You, Man** (R) 11:00,1:50,4:20,6:50,9:30

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- **Battle** (PG) 1:45,4:00,6:45,9:10
- **The Soloist** (PG-13) 2:20,5:00,7:40,10:20
- **Obsessed** (PG-13) 12:50,3:40,6:20,9:20
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- **Ghosts-Girlfrnd** (PG-13) ★ 11:50,12:55,2:25,3:25,4:55,5:55,7:20,8:25,10:05
- **Is Anybody** (PG-13) ★ 12:05,2:30,4:55,7:20,9:45
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- **Earth** (G) ★ 12:10,2:30,4:50,7:10,9:35
- **Fighting** (PG-13) ★ 11:40,2:10,5:15,7:50,10:25
- **Hannah Montana** (G) 11:55
- **Monsters** (PG) 12:20,2:45,5:05,7:35,10:00
- **Obsessed** (PG-13) ★ 11:45,2:30,5:10,7:50,10:30
- **State of Play** (PG-13) 1:10,4:10,7:30,10:30
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**Garner in
"Ghosts of
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Garner's double life: movie star, motherhood

Los Angeles Daily News

Seeing Jennifer Garner in a pair of spiked designer shoes raises a question about the beauty who madly dashed about for five years as a spy on "Alias": How could she run like that in high heels?

"You just have to have faith, and you just have to go," laughs the actress, who stars in the romcom "Ghosts of Girlfriends Past," which opens Friday. "It was more scary to run in high heels than it was to jump off a building."

Thanks to "Alias" the 5-foot-8 Garner—who gave birth to her second child with hubby Ben Affleck in January—already was a star and a sex symbol before her marriage to Affleck in June 2005. Now, the couple's every move is targeted by the paparazzi. ("Hate it, hate it, try not to see it. Try really hard not to see those pictures.")

Asked if her life has become a bit like her character in "Alias," she said she does lead a double life.

"Everybody who's in the public eye has some kind of double life," she said. "But I'm comfortable to the point of talking to you, because I know what I'm going to tell you and what I'm not going to tell

Ghosts of Girlfriends Past

(PG-13)



CHRISTY LEMIRE, AP

you. When you really have that figured out, you don't feel so panicky."

Garner doesn't escape celebrity photographers in "Ghosts." She plays opposite Matthew McConaughey, who stars as a photographer with a host of female conquests in his wake. Garner's character and the photographer, former childhood sweethearts, meet again as adults.

Movie audiences will next see Garner in "The Invention of Lying," a comedy from Ricky Gervais. She expects to go to work again this summer in a small film she's producing called "Butter," about a woman whose husband is the reigning butter-carving champion in the Midwest.

"It will be a week or so of chaos with everybody readjusting and hating it for a while," she said, "but that'll work for a couple months and I'll be done again."

The actress says that the commitments to stage or TV don't fit into her life right now, though she doesn't rule them out eventually. Motherhood is the priority. As far as juggling her projects with her husband's schedule, Garner says, "We just figure it out."



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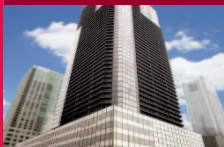


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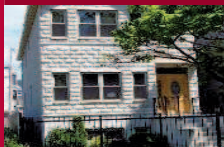


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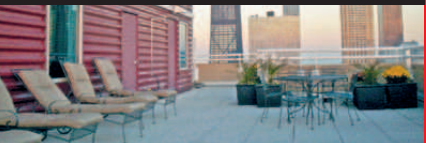


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TV

"Family Guy" 8 p.m. Sunday, Fox

Lauren Conrad recently told reporters that in "We Love You Conrad," this weekend's "Family Guy" episode, "they basically make fun of me for being dumb." "The Hills" star plays herself as the brainy target of Brian's affections. Plus, Lois hates her as Peter lusts after her. Watch video previews of the episode at redeyechicago.com/showpatrol. **CURT WAGNER, REDEYE**

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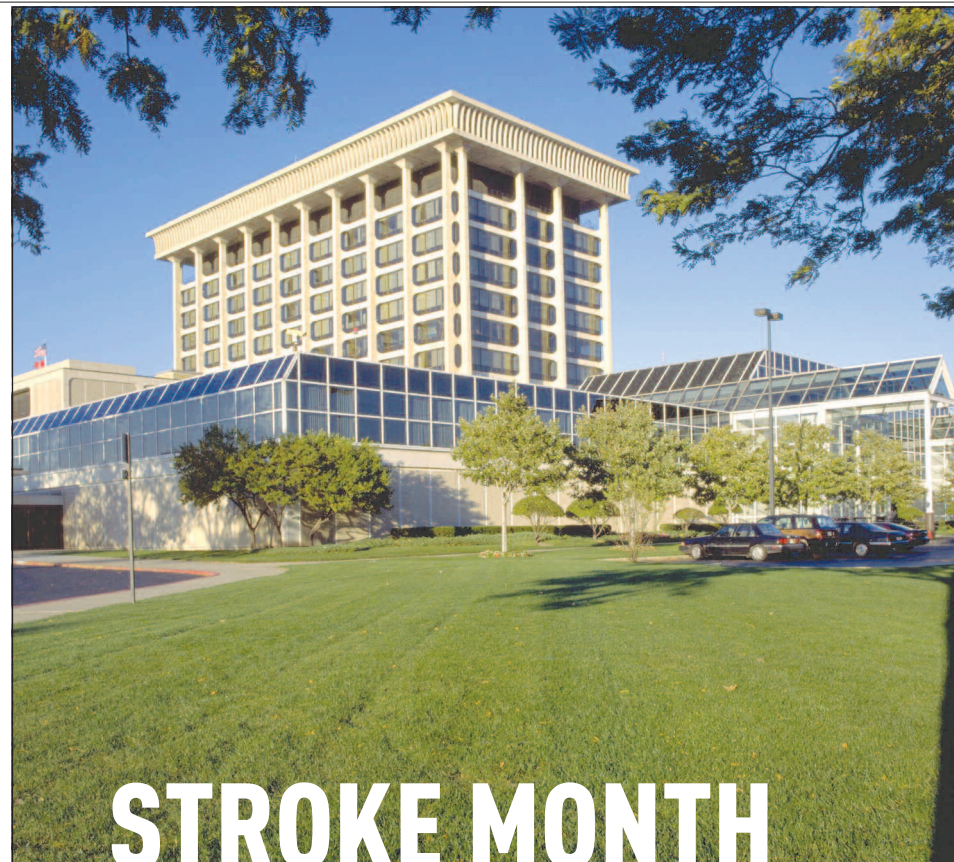


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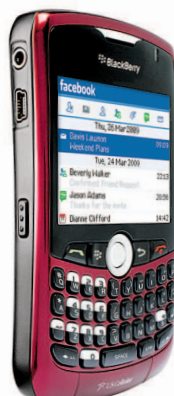


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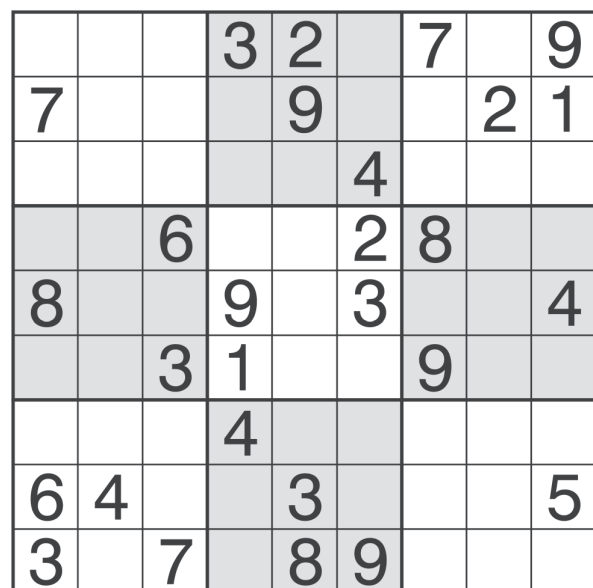
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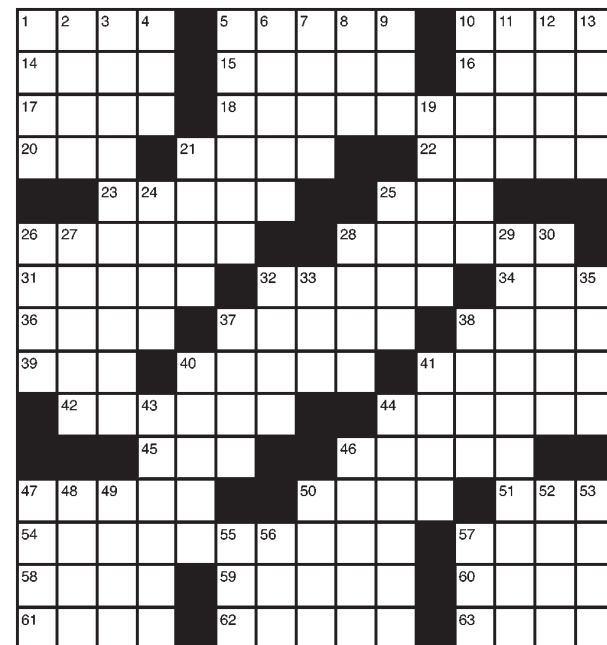
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ACROSS

- 1 Skin mark
- 5 Aspired
- 10 Slugger Rose
- 14 "M*A*S*H" star
- 15 Threefold
- 16 False deity
- 17 Wander
- 18 Leading actors
- 20 Have ___ at; attempt
- 21 Lions' homes
- 22 Crowded
- 23 Make a copy of
- 25 Word with cent or chance
- 26 ___ oneself of; uses
- 28 Halts
- 31 Actress Sondra
- 32 Put in the fridge
- 34 Gear tooth
- 36 Cartoon dog
- 37 Wind instrument
- 38 Corn bread
- 39 ___ out a living; get by
- 40 Forgery or theft
- 41 Waterway
- 42 Snoozing
- 44 Fêtes
- 45 Besides
- 46 Sultan's ladies
- 47 "...making ___ and checking it twice..."
- 50 Got up
- 51 Snow cone, basically
- 54 Lift oneself up by the ___
- 57 Word to a pest
- 58 This: Sp.
- 59 Heavenly being
- 60 Whittle
- 61 Departed
- 62 Café au lait holder
- 63 High mountains

DOWN

- 1 Poet Teasdale
- 2 Drain obstruction
- 3 Supportive acts
- 4 Charlotte
- 5 Greek capital
- 6 "Goodnight, ___"



- 7 Farrow and Kirshner
- 8 Last part
- 9 Dover's state: abbr.
- 10 Yearners
- 11 Perfect place
- 12 Crags
- 13 Otherwise
- 19 Flawless
- 21 Pineapple processor
- 24 Take to
- 25 Big name in soccer
- 26 African lily
- 27 Part of a screwdriver
- 28 Refer to

- 29 Bargain-priced
- 30 Detection device
- 32 Word with paper or tie
- 33 Run smoothly
- 35 Sets
- 37 Ricky Ricardo's neighbor
- 38 Glass piece
- 40 Change
- 41 Center
- 43 Continued
- 44 Red tape
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- 47 Still snoozing
- 48 Come in last
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Brad Pitt was spotted filming a commercial for Japanese cell phone company Softbank, according to reports. Here he is featured on a Softbank billboard in Tokyo.
AP FILE

Pitch session

Did you see the pictures of Brad Pitt filming a commercial in New York City this week?

According to reports, he's working on a spot for Japanese cell phone company Softbank. (He's worked with them in the past.) In one scene he holds an umbrella, and—according to an *Us Weekly* report—he appears to be carrying a sumo wrestler in another scene.

It all sounds so zany, doesn't it? Too bad we don't often see marquee celebs doing the same sort of ads or infomercials in the States. If we did, they might look a little something like this ...



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Potential slogan: "For fixing things that are really bent."



CELEB NEWS TICKER

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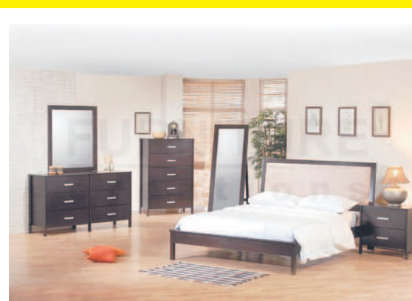
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Bruno punks Paula

Sacha Baron Cohen's new "Bruno" movie found an unwitting star in Paula Abdul.

Abdul told the "Johnjay and Rich" radio show on KISS-FM on Thursday that she was "scarred for life for a year" after she unknowingly agreed to an interview with Baron Cohen's flamboyant Austrian character.

Told she'd won the "Artist of the Year" award in Germany, Abdul said she was forced to sit on a couple of gardeners who served as chairs.

"I thought it was just one of those Japanese TV shows where they do crazy things," Abdul said, according to a transcript on nymag.com.

Abdul
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THE DIGIT

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The amount Hugh Jackman spent on 67 breakfast trays and 80 gallons of coffee for dedicated fans in Arizona who camped out to watch the "X-Men Origins: Wolverine" premiere, according to tmz.com.

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Under the influence

The Obamas, M.I.A., Brad Pitt, Zac Efron—these are but a few of 2009's most influential people in the world, according to Time magazine.

The list isn't "the most powerful people in the world," Time editor Rick Stengel says. It's people "who ... transform the world and have an effect on a multitude of people."



The 'Force' is with T-Pain

Mark your calendars, people. Adult Swim on Cartoon Network is airing a live action episode of "Aqua Teen Hunger Force" on May 31. What's the big deal, you ask? They got T-Pain, a known "ATHF" fan, to sit in as Frylock, the floating

box of French fries that can shoot fire out of his eyes.



Eminem after hours

It's "3 a.m." Do you know where your Eminem is? On Saturday, the rapper will debut the video for his song of the same name on Cinemax, according to reports. Why Cinemax? Just guessing, but "3 a.m."—which shows blood and nudity in Web clips leaked

Thursday—might be a good fit for the occasionally adult-themed network.

Do you Hulu?

"Lost," "Grey's Anatomy" and other ABC hits are coming to hulu.com. Disney—and by extension its ABC shows—is signing on as a partner to the video-streaming Web site, Variety reported Thursday. Shows from Disney Channel, ABC Family and even ABC soaps will be made available, according to the trade paper.



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